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## Red Cross Roll Call Reaches High Mark; County Chairman Haigis Extends Thanks To Mr. Fitt, Committee and Members

There is considerable satisfaction in the result of the roll call of the American Red Cross as conducted in Northfield recently by the efficient corps of workers headed by Arthur P. Fitt. The sum of \$588.64 has been realized in memberships and contributions and is the largest sum which has ever been secured here. County Chairman John W. Haigis of the Roll Call has sent a letter of appreciation thanking the local committee for its attainment and expressing the satisfaction of the county chapter in the interest of the citizens of this town in Red Cross activities.

Of the total amount secured, the sum of \$288.10 came from the Northfield Seminary, where each building contributed its quota. Junior Red Cross contributions came from the high school of \$4.73, the Center school of \$4.27 and East Northfield of \$4.54. Principals Cobb and Leonard, and Mrs. Williams arranged this collection.

The local list of workers included Mrs. Sidney Given, Mrs. Neva Barber, Miss Helen Handy, Mrs. George H. Foster, Mrs. Melvin Miller, Mrs. Ralph Forsyth, Mrs. A. Gordon Moody, Mrs. W. A. Shattuck, Mrs. Robert Abbott, Mrs. Joseph Morgan, Mrs. Sidney Tyler, Miss Mary Dalton, Mrs. Willis Parker, Mrs. Charles W. Repeta, Mrs. Lawrence Hammond, Mrs. Harry Fullam, Mrs. I. J. Lawrence, Mrs. A. H. Farnum, Mrs. Arthur H. Bolton and Miss Gladys Elithorpe.

In 1933 Northfield's contribution was \$345.04; in 1934, \$406.34; in 1935, \$398.03; in 1936, \$405.66; and in 1937, \$44.22.

Of the money received, fifty cents of every membership will remain with the Franklin County chapter and fifty cents will go to the headquarters of the American Red Cross in Washington for nation-wide emergency relief. The work of the Red Cross is supported by voluntary gifts of the people and without government aid.

## Have Moved Here To Become Residents

Dr. and Mrs. David B. Tomkins of Princeton, N. J., have arrived in Northfield at their recently completed new home on Winchester road, overlooking the Seminary campus, and will become permanent residents of this town.

After a pastorate of 28 years with the Second Presbyterian church of Princeton, they were given a farewell reception by the members of their parish, a noteworthy testimonial, and a gift of remembrance.

Dr. Tomkins was born in Scotland and as a young man, became interested in religious endeavor. He came to America and attended New York university, from which he received his doctorate degree in philosophy. In the university he was offered a chair in philosophy and psychology but refused, preferring to remain in the ministry. For a time he preached in New York State and then was called to Princeton.

He has been active in civic and community work and was a member of the Board of Education for 16 years, nine of which he was its president. He has also served several religious organizations in an official capacity.

Mrs. Tomkins has also been active in church work in Princeton, has served with the Needwork Guild of America, the Union Missionary society and the Young Women's Christian Association. They have one daughter, Edith, now Mrs. Herbert F. Randolph, Jr., of Westfield, N. J.

Northfield extends a cordial welcome to our newcomers.

## The Carol Services Were Well Attended

The annual Christmas carol services, both at Mount Hermon school last Sunday afternoon and at the Seminary in the evening, were well attended. Both chapels were filled to overflowing. Besides the students and members of the faculties who attended, were a large number of our citizens, and all enjoyed the service of "songs from many lands" of the Christmas time. With organ, harp, piano and violin the music produced a profound impression while the various groups of students interpreted in their singing the Christmas message.



AXEL B. FORSLUND  
Mount Hermon Head Coach

Barrington is the head coach for this sport and he is assisted by Frank Bisson and Joseph Staples of the Mt. Hermon faculty. Barrington is also ski instructor at the Northfield hotel and at Northfield Seminary.

The hockey team will be led by Captain John Boeing and two other lettermen, John Truelson and Mort Wells. Head coach Axel B. Forslund will direct the hockey practices and will be assisted by Ted Horton and Harlan Baxter. Fifty-six candidates are out for the varsity team and 32 for the junior league.

Captain "Dutch" Vandewater, who also led the 1938 football team, will head the basketball squad. Lettermen include Jim Williams, Paul Hill, Bill Fernandes and George Candy. Fifty-eight men are practicing under Warren Huston, former Springfield college star, and Orville Mirtz and Howard Niblock.

Hopes are high for another successful season in fencing under the expert coaching of Philip Mangano, former Yale fencing star. Nineteen men are out for this sport with Captain Erwin Liefield. The swimming team is also looking ahead to a victorious year. Fifty-three varsity and 35 junior league men, are being directed by Chick Cutler, former state champion from Mass. State college. Harold Sheffield is the only letterman to return.

The only last year's varsity man left on the wrestling team is Eugene Lockett. There are 34 men out for the team under Ed Benney, a new coach.

## Ridge Roads Open; Clearing Goes On

Most of the roads on Rustic Ridge are now open and clear of fallen timber and it is possible to motor about. The work was done under the direction of President Woodruff and assistance was rendered by the town, the WPA, the CCC and individuals. Mr. Townsend, one of the summer residents, remained quite late at his cottage and with a crew of men, did considerable clearing on the land of property owners. Some owners are still engaged in cutting up the trees into logs, and burning the brush about their homes. However, much of the private work will be delayed until spring.

It is expected that the fire hazard which exists in the wooded lands nearby the Ridge will be relieved when the CCC boys arrive to begin their work.

## "On To Bethlehem" Realistic Tableau On Hotel Grounds

Just as one enters the grounds of the Northfield hotel, there may be seen along the drive a setting depicting Bethlehem with its Inn and the stable, the brilliant star over-head and the three camels, mounted by the wise men. It is a spectacular tableau of the Christmas time and produced by members of the hotel staff, including Philip Porter and Stanley Payson.

The whole occupies an area about 150 feet long, 50 feet deep and has a background of trees and woody setting. The Inn, the streets have their signs, and the roadways are well defined. It is well illuminated and the opening in the stable has a miniature field scene of the holy night. It is said that real calves will occupy the stable on Christmas day. The whole is a most effective piece of work, lending itself to the Christmas spirit and should be seen to be appreciated.

On the roof of the Chateau has also been placed a large Christmas tree beautifully lighted with colored bulbs and can be seen for miles around. Surely the Northfield hotel management is mindful of the Christmas holidays.

## Lady Anne Grenfell Dies In Boston

Death came to Lady Anne Elizabeth Grenfell, wife of Sir Wilfred Grenfell, last week Friday in Boston. She was 53 years of age and had been closely associated with her famous husband in his work in Newfoundland and Labrador.

Their permanent home has been at Charlotte, Vt., but they spent the winters in Boston since 1934 when Sir Wilfred Grenfell gave up his personal activity in the field. Both Sir and Lady Grenfell have many friends here and only a couple of years ago they spent some time at the Northfield hotel where many of our citizens were privileged to meet them.

Lady Grenfell was born in Lake Forest, Ill., Nov. 11, 1885, the daughter of a Civil war colonel who fought under Gen. Robert E. Lee.

She was educated at Bryn Mawr college, and was married in 1909 at Chicago to Sir Wilfred—then Dr. Grenfell—soon after meeting him during a trip to England.

They had two sons and a daughter, all three born at St. Anthony, Newfoundland, where Lady Grenfell lived and worked with her husband during the 25 years they brought medical and missionary services to the residents of that bleak coast.

Eleven years ago "the doctor's wife" became Lady Grenfell by virtue of her husband's knighthood at the hands of King George V as a commander of the orders of St. Michael and St. George.

## Clifford I. Holton

Clifford Izatus Holton, age 81, died last week Thursday at his home in West Northfield after a long illness of many months which kept him confined. He was born in Northfield, Feb. 22, 1857, the son of Roswell and Mary Ann (Sheldon) Holton. He married Josepha E. Lincoln of Hingham, Sept. 25, 1893, who survives. He also leaves five children: Alfred E. Holton, Mrs. Gertrude M. Gibson, Mrs. Olive J. Bassett, Philip C. Holton and Carleton W. Holton; also one brother, Frank B. Holton. Also 16 grandchildren, one great grandson and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Holton, all of his children and 18 of his grandchildren were born in the same house. For over 25 years, Mr. Holton has served this community as a cemetery commissioner and he was deeply interested in the affairs of the town. He was a member of the Northfield Grange.

Quiet in manner, unassuming, devoted to his home and family, he had many friends. The funeral was held from his home last Saturday afternoon with Rev. W. Stanley Carne officiating. Burial was in the family plot in the West Northfield cemetery.

## Has Good Publicity

The New York Times in its issue of last Sunday, prints a most interesting account of the activities of the Northfield schools, in its education section. The article, nearly a column long, stresses the important fact that the students at the Seminary and at Mount Hermon earn a considerable portion of their tuition through work hours. The story provides good publicity.

## Scouts Holiday Dance In The Town Hall Outstanding Event

An outstanding social event of Christmas week will be the holiday dance planned by the Northfield Girl Scout Troop committee for Tuesday night, Dec. 27, in the town hall. Plans were completed for the affair at a meeting of the committee held Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Frank Montague.

Mrs. Charles Kehl, general chairman for the dance, announced that the music would be furnished by Andy Canedy and his orchestra, assisted by the popular young radio singer, Elsie Daysh of Greenfield.

The proceeds of the dance over and above expenses, will be added to the fund to be raised by the Senior Girl Scouts for their projected trip to New York next spring. The senior scouts and their leader, Captain May Thompson, will have charge of Christmas decorations in the hall, and will also act as ushers. They are, Beverly Briesmaster, Lillian Dawe, Ellen Giebel, Betty Kehl, Beverly Potts, Helen Savcheff, and Polly Spencer.

The ticket sale is in charge of Mrs. Robert Abbott and Mrs. Francis Reed, and the punch committee consists of Mrs. Sidney Given, Mrs. A. P. Pitt, Mrs. Fred Bolton, Miss Mary Dalton and Miss Euphrasia Purrington. The Posters and advertising are under the supervision of Miss Sophie Servaes, Miss Carrie-Jeanette Cook, and Miss Priscilla Colton, and Publicity, Mrs. Charles Kehl.

Patrons and patrons of the dance are: Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Pitt, Dr. and Mrs. Allen H. Wright and Dr. and Mrs. F. Wilton Dean, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Briesmaster Mr. and Mrs. Fred Montague, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bolton, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Given, Mrs. Ethel Hopkins, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Moody, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Powell, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Quinlan, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Savcheff, Miss Mary Dalton, Miss Euphrasia Purrington, Miss Sophie Servaes, Miss C. J. Cook, and Miss Priscilla Colton.

The Legion Council Met Here Monday

Members of the local American Legion were hosts to a meeting of the Franklin-Hampshire American Legion district council at the town hall here last Sunday. There were 64 delegates present, representing 13 of the 17 posts in the district. Attending the meeting were Department Commander John J. McGuire of Watertown and County Commander, Raymond L. Bickford of Greenfield, who presided.

Other guests included Com. Edward Maynard of Wilmington, Vt., Chaplain Mann and Sergeant-at-Arms Page of Brattleboro, officers of the fifth Vermont district. Also present were Miss Julia Mowry of Greenfield and Miss Elizabeth O'Brien of Turners Falls, both World War nurses. In a resolution introduced at the meeting by Com. Sidney Given of the Northfield post, the meeting declared itself as follows:

"We hereby resolve: To rededicate ourselves to continue our services for God and country and to further the education among our communities of the principals of Americanism as defined in the constitution of our country and the constitution of the American Legion to the end the United States of America will continue as a free nation of free people under God, without racial or religious prejudice, granting equal opportunity to all."

Supper was served by the local post members.

## Re-stringing Wires

Alfred E. Holton and a number of electricians are re-building the main electric system of wires on Rustic Ridge, which was carried down by the falling trees in the hurricane. The principal circuits which lead from the wires up North Lane are being placed in position first, after which the lead-ins to the various cottages will be put up. It is hoped that the work can be completed this fall.

## Flowers In Garden

Mrs. Lawrence H. Lazell of Glenwood street reports that the small but beautiful English daisies came to bloom this week in her garden and on Wednesday the editor of the "Press" received some perfect specimens. They are fully formed flowers of exquisite beauty.



A Call To Arms : Christmas Is Coming

—Photo by Guild

## Country Cousins' Is The Grange Play Next Thursday Eve.

The Northfield Grange will put on a humorous production next Thursday evening at the Grange hall, with a one-act play entitled, "The Comical Country Cousins."

The curtain will rise at eight o'clock and under the direction of Mrs. Ruth Holton the following cast will tell their story: Aunt Ophelia, the boss, Mrs. Grace White; Cousin Sukey, Mrs. Ida Morse; Cousin Millie, Mrs. Gertrude Gibson; Cousin Delia, Edith Tenney; Cousin Sarah, Esther Hale; Cousin Jane, Ethel Miller; Cousin Cecilia, Hazel Tenney; Cousin Samanth, Mrs. Clara Hale; Sis Hopkins, Mrs. Dorothy Ferris; Cousin Merindy, Florence Hale; Mah Jinny, Charlotte Shearer; Topsy, Velma Shearer. Other cousins may also appear without notice.

The program will also include folk dances by a group from the Youth Hostel, a piano selection, an accordion solo and a whistling number. The committee in charge promises a most entertaining good show and satisfaction.

## Mrs. Ellen Goodspeed

Mrs. Ellen M. (Hastings) Goodspeed, age 87, widow of Lucien A. Goodspeed, died suddenly at her home in Orange on Monday. She was the mother of L. Percy Goodspeed of this town. Mrs. Goodspeed was a native of Orange and was the daughter of Charles W. and Katherine Lyman Hastings. She attended the old Academy of Universal Knowledge, which was located in the Bronson Inn building in the early years and when finishing her studies, began teaching in the public schools of this town. A number of our local folks were numbered among her pupils.

She was a member of the Universalist church. Surviving are three sons, Charles of Detroit, Albert of Eryia, Ohio, and L. Percy of this town, also two daughters, Miss Helen of Wrentham and Miss Edith of Newton. The funeral services were held on Thursday afternoon with Rev. Douglas Robbins officiating and burial was in the Central cemetery, Orange.

The Northfield women attending were Miss Gladys Elithorpe, Miss Euphrasia Purrington and Miss Edith of Newton. The next meeting of the club will be a Christmas party to be held at the Girls' club in Greenfield on Dec. 20.

## The Christmas Trees

The citizens of Northfield and their guests at this Christmas time, including visitors to the town, may enjoy some beautiful decorations at our various homes, which are not beginning to blaze forth. We may describe some of the later, but just now, it is worthwhile to call attention to the beautiful illuminated trees on the campus of Northfield Seminary, near Stone Hall, and at Mt. Hermon, near Camp Hall. They have been enjoyed by the students for the past week. Don't fail to see them.

The Ladies' Sewing society of the Congregational church held an all-day meeting yesterday (Thursday). Lunch was served at noon.

## Varsity Awards Made; Coach Jordan Speaks At Mt. Hermon Dinner

The fall athletic banquet for Mt. Hermon school was celebrated in West Hall Thursday night with the awarding of 42 varsity letters in football, soccer and cross-country. Coach Lloyd Jordan of Amherst college was the guest speaker, and Dr. David R. Porter, headmaster of Mount Hermon, was toastmaster, with Axel B. Forslund, head of the department of physical education, assisting.

After presenting 17 football letters to the team that won one and lost two games last fall, Coach Thor Henriksen announced that Joseph D. Garrison was elected next year's captain. Head coach Forslund announced that Joseph Schwanda will captain next year's soccer eleven and awarded the soccer letters. In cross-country, Coach Francis Bayley made the eight awards to the victorious hill-and-dale men who won all their three races. Next year's runners will again be captained by Leslie Moore. The Bemis Medal in cross-country were won by Ralph Fuerbringer, C. A. Hargreaves, Jr., and Leslie Moore.

Winners of varsity awards were as follows: Football, John L. Vandewater, le, capt.; Joseph Garrison, re, capt.-elect; Willard Hoffman, lt; Robert Carlisle, rt; Jared Paulison, rg; Warren Reed, lg; Kenneth Berbrick, c; Theodore Buck, qb; Charles Burrows, fb; Frederick Fox, rb; Francis McGregor, fb; Richard Malool, tb; Bradford Burnham, fb; Roger Spear, lt; Lloyd Wilson, lg; Andrew Goheen, hb; Robert Clark, manager.

Soccer: Andrew Dilanian, cb, capt.; Joseph Schwanda, rb, capt.-elect; Dean Heflin, cf; Stan Rathbun, ir; George Smith, ir; John Truelson, or; William Jones, ol; Donald Hayes, hb; Herbert Mayers, rb; Rider Griswold, lb; James Williams, goal; Frederick Kellogg, ir; Russell Chace, or; Herbert Grandage, ir; Francis Russell, il; Paul Smith, rbb; Warren Nixon, manager.

Cross-country: Ralph Fuerbringer, Leslie Moore, capt.; C. A. Hargreaves, Jr.; Frederick R. Tibbets, George T. Candy, Leslie E. Becker, Jr.; Bruce Bowman, Edgar A. Polock, manager.

## Seminary "Star" Awards

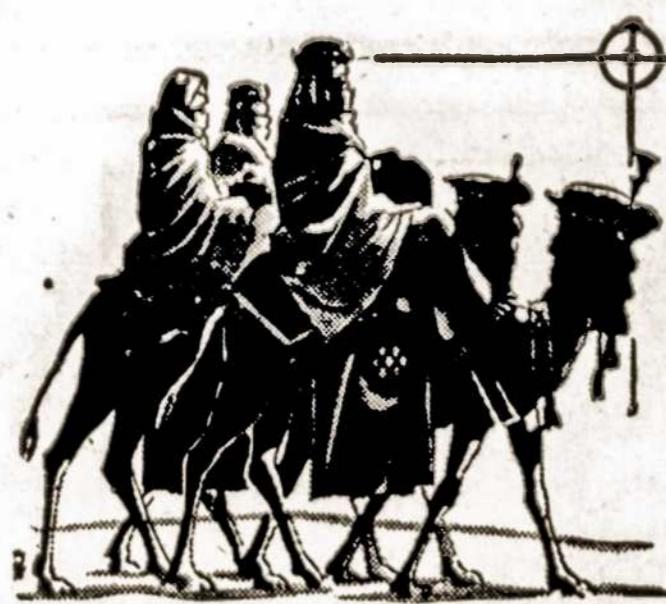
Winners in the Northfield Seminary "Star" literary contest were announced in Russell Sage Chapel last Thursday morning. Miss Mira B. Wilson awarded prizes to the five first-place contestants.

The sale of the seals is this town is proceeding satisfactorily and Mrs. Ross L. Spencer, who is in charge, hopes to exceed the figures of last year. Mrs. Ray Thompson is the local treasurer.

Esther Waldron of Slippery Rock, Pa., won the short story contest with honorable mention going to Constance Chaffee of South Hadley, Helen Fraser of Ithaca, N. Y., and Priscilla Jenkins of Littleton, N. H. The prize-winning essay was written by Eleanor Jacobs of Mercersburg, Pa., with second and third honors going to Natalie Cuthbert of Manchester, N. H., and Margaret Riggs of Saloni, Greece.

First prize for poetry was awarded to Jean Kalt of New York City, with Jane Restin of Mt. Vernon, N. Y., and Ruth Stoddard of Watertown, N. Y., receiving honorable mention. Fannie Stevens of Woodbury, Ct., and Patricia Squires of Belchertown shared first place for the winning sketch while Esther Monroe of Montpelier, Vt., and Bonnie Brown of Wallingford, Ct., took second and third places respectively.

## Faculty members of the Seminary English department were judges of the "Star" contest. The "Star" is Northfield Seminary's tri



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Grades 1 and 2, Joseph Bilmon, Alwin Holloway, Edgar Parker, Richard Shattuck, John Jurkowski and Joan Williams.

Grades 3 and 4, Marion Avery, Carver Baker, Fred Lucia, Manuel Mello, Clifford Murphy, Edwin and Elwin Stevens, Frances Tenney, Edward Baker, Ruth Clark, David Kidder, Arnold Sibley and Lois Stearns.

Grades 5 and 6, Robert Clark, Eugene Hutchinson, Calvin Kenney, Allen Sibley, Dwight Stearns, Lawrence Whitney, Victor Sherwood, Helen Andrew, Sophie Duda, Beatrice Jurkowski, Anna Lernatowicz, Helen Mankowsky, Carolyn Miller, Charlottet Stebbins, Sabell Stone, Charles Dresser, Dominick Duda, Paul Gorzocoski, William Shattuck, Janet Janes, Perdis Washer, Velder White and Natalie Dresser.

Grade 7, John Addison, Delvy Field, Lee Hammond, Robert Johnson, Donald Woodbury, Edith Clark, Delphine Field, Gertrude Murray, Elizabeth Phelps, Olga Schryba, and Karlene Tyler.

Grade 8, Barbara Addison, Mary Allen, Harold Bigelow, Kenneth Bolton, Esther Brassor, Althe Churchill, Arline Dunnell, Sidney Given, Barbara Harris, Janet Kehl, George Marshall, Enid Miner, Glen Murray, Gordon Pratt, Betty Purrington, Warren Randall, Barbara Simmons, Ruth Smalley, Esther Sysztowicki, Herbert Wing and Florence Zabko.

Paul Gorzocoski of grade six has received his second reading certificate for reporting on five books. Others who have received their first certificate are Allen Sibley of grade five, Dominick Duda and Natalie Dresser of grade six and John Addison of grade seven.

The eighth grade has chosen its class officers with Arline Dunnell as president; Sidney Given, vice-president; Gloria Savcheff, secretary; and Gordon Pratt, treasurer.

The Pond school P.T.A. will hold a card party at the schoolhouse this Friday evening.

Mrs. D. E. Houghtaling and Mrs. Ethel Brougham of Springfield were visitors Monday at the Vernon Home and at Rev. George A. Gray's.

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The South school P.T.A. will hold a card party at the schoolhouse this Friday evening.

Mrs. Ernest W. Dunklee was a visitor in Boston Tuesday attending a meeting of the World's Fair commission.

Harry Zalusny and Mrs. Francis Steenbrugge became citizens of this country at the session of the U. S. District court at Brattleboro this week.

Mrs. Robert Bruce and infant daughter, Joan Grace, returned home from the Franklin county hospital on Monday.

Mrs. Frances Louise Whitten of Greenfield and Alonso H. Wheeler of Vernon were married Monday evening at Guilford by Rev. O. R. Washburn with the single ring service. The bride was attended by her sister Miss Bertha Whitten of Greenfield and the best man was Willis C. Collier, Jr., of Vernon. They will make their home on the Wheeler farm in Vernon.

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**TOWN TOPICS**

At the Grange card party last week Thursday evening, high scores were made by Mrs. Lee Holloway and Robert Allen. The door prize went to George Richardson.

Miss Fanny C. Hatch leaves Springfield on Saturday for Florida, and will spend the winter in St. Petersburg. Her address will be 620 Mound Parkway, South, St. Petersburg.

There will be a candle lighting service at the Vernon Union church on Sunday evening next at eight o'clock and the choir from the East Northfield church will sing Christmas music under the direction of Prof. Lawrence. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Shallis of Hingham, and Mrs. Ernest E. Lincoln of Winchester, Mass., attended the funeral services of their brother-in-law, Clifford L. Holton. Others were: Mrs. Thomas Holton, Mark, of Saxtons River, Vt., Mr. and Mrs. Henry Yerington, and Messrs. George and Everett Hall of Brattleboro.

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Mrs. Harold Bigelow and infant daughter, Martha Jane, returned from the Franklin County hospital last Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold G. Young and daughter of Springfield spent the week-end at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred White, Master-elect of Northfield Grange, and Mrs. Gertrude Gibson, lecturer, were in Boston this week, attending the meetings of the State Grange as delegates from the local organization.

Miss Hannah Fisher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Fisher, is at her home here for the Christmas vacation from Colby college.

At the annual show of the Springfield Poultry club held last week-end, Leroy R. Barnes of West Northfield was awarded a first prize for his exhibit of leg-horn hens and also for pullets.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Smith have closed their home on Main street and left to spend the winter in Florida.

The telephone company distributed its new directory dated December to all subscribers this week. The Northfield exchange list occupies seven columns.

According to the almanac Easter Sunday will fall on April 9 next year. Ash Wednesday will be Feb. 22.

Mrs. Edna B. Jenkins of Jackson Heights, N. Y., who spends much of the entire summer here at her cottage on Rustic Ridge, has gone to Crescent City, Fla., for the winter.

Mrs. Sidney Given and Mrs. Francis Reed are assisting with the work of the Girl Scout troop on Tuesday afternoons in Alexander hall.

Dr. Margaret C. Lewis of Boston, assistant to the State Commissioner of Girl Scouts, met members of the local committee at the home of Mrs. Frank H. Montague last Friday afternoon for a discussion on program plans and problems.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank N. Ray of Providence, R. I., spent last week-end at their summer home here on Myrtle street.

Mrs. Flora L. Haslam of Kenilworth, N. J., who has spent a portion of the summer and fall here with her sisters, left Tuesday for Kingston, N. Y., to visit a daughter before returning home.

It took 582 telephone books to supply the subscribers of the Telephone company in Northfield last week. Greenfield required 7078, Turners Falls 782, the Deerfields 488, Millers Falls 180 and Bernardston 170.

"Hear of the North," the new technicolor production which is scheduled to open Saturday at the Latchis Memorial theatre, Brattleboro, is a thrill-packed and completely authentic tale of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. In the cast are Dick Foran, Gloria Dickson and Gale Page.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Snell of Cambridge, N. Y., were last weekend guests of her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. J. Lee Bolton.

Local stockholders have received notice of the annual meeting of the First National Bank & Trust Co., of Greenfield, on Tuesday, Jan. 10 at ten in the morning.

The Dickinson library will close at six o'clock on Christmas Eve. Patrons will please note.

Mrs. Horace Otis of Watertown was the guest of Miss Emma Alexander at her home over last weekend.

Among the boys at Mount Hermon who made the cut list is Foster G. Ruhl, son of Rev. and Mrs. H. C. Ruhl of the Ashuelot road. Their daughter, Ruth Elise Ruhl is a sophomore at Bryn Mawr college, with an excellent record. She will spend the Christmas holidays here with her parents.

The engagement is announced of Miss Miriam K. Miller, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Alfred John Miller, of Oneonta, N. Y., to Wayne MacLaud of Elmira, N. Y. Miss Miller is a graduate of the Northfield School.

Northfield chapter, O. E. S. held its annual meeting at the Masonic hall, Wednesday evening. There was the reception of reports and the election of officers which we will announce next week.

The Senior Girl Scouts met Monday evening with Capt. May Thompson and arranged for the singing of Christmas carols about the homes of the town next Tuesday evening.

Sam Truesdell of Parker street is a commissioner of Boy Scouts and taking an active interest in the organization.

William Leach of Northfield Farms, who is engaged in driving a truck with the Lane Construction Co., and which was loaded with stone going to Colrain was in a mixed collision of four cars Wednesday morning on the highway at Shelburne Falls. He escaped any injury although his truck was damaged.

Elmer Johnson of Winchester, who was recently chosen as a vice-president of the Future Farmers of America, graduated from the Thayer High School class of 1938 and is active in the farming industry. He is interested in promoting the organization among the boys on the farms of his state. Elmer is a grandson of Mrs. Gertrude Leavis of this town and a nephew of Dana W. Leavis.

The Northfield basketball team played Bernardston in that town Tuesday evening and defeated them by a score of 52-44.

The Youth Hostel will observe its fourth anniversary on Dec. 27 with a reunion of hostellers hoping for winter sports and a gala celebration.

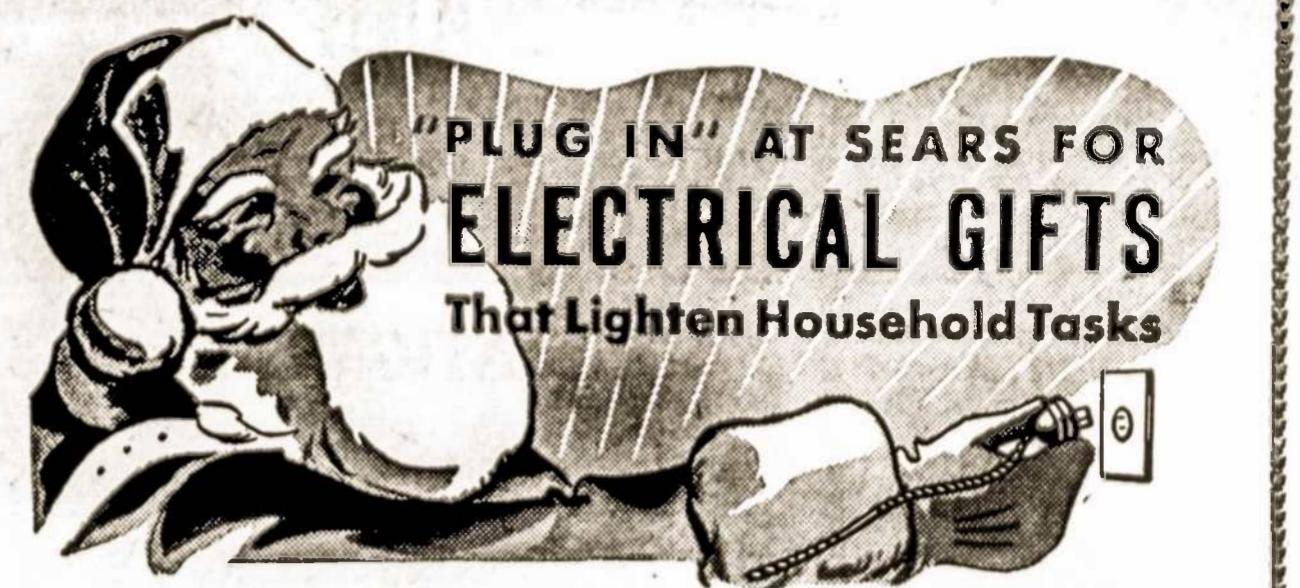
Miss Anna C. Dale has returned to her home from the hospital in Boston. She is making a good recovery.

There will be a dance this Friday evening at No. 4 school with Ricchotte's orchestra furnishing the music.

The women of the Unitarian church served a supper in the vestry last night which was well attended.

The public schools, the Seminary and Mount Hermon school as well as most of the colleges will close for the Christmas vacation today, (Friday) and while many will be leaving Northfield by train, bus and motor, for their homes, quite a number will be returning here from other places, to be with their folks for the holiday season.

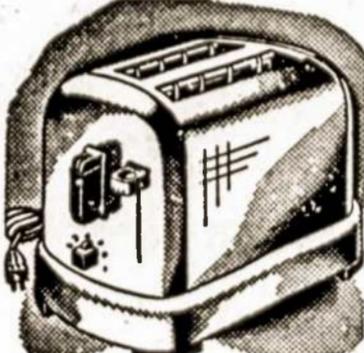
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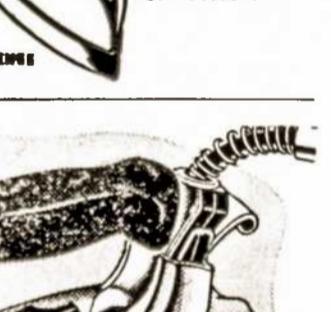
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**EDITORIAL**

According to published information, the appropriation to remove the debris of the hurricane from the state highways in Northfield was \$37,000. The contract was let and then sub-let if we understand right. The Worthington Co. of Quincy actually did the work and a number of trucks and derrick digger arrived to complete the job. It is said that about 200 stumps and damaged trees were removed. The work was well done and our main highway now presents a decent appearance. But while we congratulate ourselves, on the improvement, I am wondering if the price paid was not a costly sum?

Early last October bids were requested by the highway department of the State for the construction of the Wanamaker road to connect with the New Hampshire boulevard. A few weeks later the contract was awarded and the fortunate contractor moved his riggings here, presumably to begin work. They are still here but covered from the elements, although the weather has been favorable for beginning operations. However, it is learned that the state has not concluded arrangements for the taking of the necessary private land for the new road nor for the approval of easements. Wonder if anybody in Northfield knows anything about the situation or if anybody cares? We are a patient people.

As Christmas approaches, the season affords us an opportunity of showing ourselves friendly with a spirit of good-will to all our neighbors. Like in every small town there is too much clanishness and selfishness here. Too much self-seeking, strife and jealousies. It's a good time now to make good resolves and prove that we might love our neighbors as ourselves. To think and speak well of them.

The automobile driving license of a man in Brookline has been suspended, because on a straight-of-way with clear vision he hit and killed a pet dog crossing the street. He made no effort to avoid the accident. Registrar Goodwin said that every dog is someone's pet and every driver of a car should exercise care to avoid hitting dogs. They do have some rights on our streets.

**Leaflet On Christmas**

"The Christmas tree came into being when the ancient German tribes gave up paganism and turned to Christianity. The lights on the tree were added by Martin Luther to convey to his family the beauty of the star-filled Christ-mas sky."

Thus does Lawrence V. Loy, of Mass State college, describe the origin of one of the loveliest of all Christmas customs, the use of the decorated fir tree. "At the time of the conversion of the German tribes," he says, "St. Boniface bade them cease their human sacrifices to the pagan god Thor, under the great Thunder Oak. He urged them to sacrifice instead the straight young fir tree growing nearby, with its top pointing to the sky, which he proclaimed a symbol of their new religion."

The origins of many Christmas customs are discussed by Mr. Loy in a new leaflet printed by the college and available free to residents of Massachusetts. The leaflet also contains suggestions for Christmas parties, games, carols, decorations, tableaux, and stories.

One page carries a reprint of that famous editorial written in 1897 by Frank Church, then editor of the New York Sun, in reply to a little girl who asked if there was a Santa Claus. This editorial has been printed and read thousands of times since that fortunate day when Church was inspired to write his famous words.

Stories of the better known Christmas carols make an interesting section in the leaflet. "Silent Night" has an especially unusual history, according to Mr. Loy.

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On Christmas morning he hurried to his friend, Gruber, and lay before him the manuscript of his song. Gruber was thrilled with the strong beauty of the verses and at once began to compose a melody that would do them justice. By evening his work was done and the two friends hastily recruited a choir of women. When the villagers gathered in their little gray church for evening services, they heard for the first time the tender words of "Silent Night, Holy Night." The priest sang the melody, the schoolmaster, second part, and the choir, the refrain.

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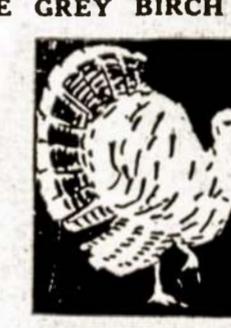
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